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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO VIETCONG TRIUMPH

1. IN PREDICTABLE RESPONSE TO COLLAPSE OF SOUTH VIETNAM, TIMES OF ZAMBIA AND GRZ-OWNED DAILY MAIL EDITORIALS DEALT WITH "SELF-DECEPTION" AND "MUDDLED THINKING" ON CONTAINMENT OF COMMUNISM AND "MISGUIDED PRETEXT TO MAKE SE ASIA SAFE FOR WESTERN DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM" WHICH LED TO "VICIOUS US AGGRESSION", "EXTERMINATION" AND "RECKLESS SUPPORT OF CORRUPT AND SELF-SERVING REACTIONARIES IN VIETNAM." MAIL HOPED AMERICANS HAD LEARNED "NO AMOUNT OF MONEY AND FIRE POWER WILL STAND IN WAY OF PEOPLE...FIGHTING FOR THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM". TIMES SIMILARLY HOPED US "HAS LEARNED THE RIGHT LESSONS FROM HER OUTRIGHT DEFEAT BY SMALL POPULATION OF SIMPLE PEASANTS", BUT THE PAPER DOUBTED THE LESSONS HAVE BEEN WELL LEARNED AND WARNED "FRUSTRATED AMERICAN-SPONSORED AGGRESSION IS BOUND TO REAPPEAR" ELSEWHERE AND "SOUTHERN AFRICA IS PROBABLY AS GOOD AS THE MIDDLE EAST FOR PROLONGED US-INSPIRED STRIFE WITH IMAGINED BENEFITS TO NATO."

2. SINCE FALL OF SAIGON, NEWS HAS CENTERED ON REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HARDSHIPS AND "AVALANCHE" OF CONGRESSIONAL MAIL FROM AMERICANS PROTESTING REFUGEE INFLUX. EVEN BEFORE SAIGON FELL,
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GOVERNMENT S MAIL APRIL 26 HAD WARNED ABOUT "UNJUSTIFIED

HYSTERIA" OF REFUGES WHO FACE BLEAK FUTURE IN US. THEY
"WILL NEVER BE FULLY ACCEPTED...THEY WILL HAVE TO COMPETE
ON UNEQUAL TERMS...AND MAY SOON FIND THEMSELVES LIVING IN
US AS SECOND CLASS CITIZENS...IT IS BETTER TO LIVE AMONG ONE'S
OWN PEOPLE THAN TO BE AN UNWELCOME GUEST IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY...
THE AMERICAN ACTION IN HELPING THOUSANDS OF VIETNAMESE TO LEAVE
VIETNAM MAY BE WELL-INTENTIONED, BUT THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN
WISER TO CONSIDER THE STRAIN THE REFUGEES HAVE TO FACE FOR
MANY MORE YEARS IN A COUNTRY WHERE THEY WILL ALWAYS BE
REGARDED AS ALIENS."

3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, GRZ HAS NOT SENT ANY MESSAGE TO THE
VICTORS IN VIETNAM, THOUGH PRESIDENT KAUNDA MAY HAVE DONE SO
WHILE AT COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN JAMAICA.
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